

	LOS LUNAS POLICE DEPARTMENT		
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NMMLEPSC STANDARDS: ADM.07.03		APPROVED BY CHIEF OF POLICE NAITHAN G. GURULE 	
		Signature	

I. POLICY:

The Department is established by law and shall consist of a Chief of Police, along with various officers ranging in rank. The Police Department shall be under the general supervision of the Chief of Police who shall be the Chief Executive of the Police Department. It shall be the responsibility of the Police Chief to enforce the rules and regulations for the Village and the policies and procedures of the Department. The Chief of Police reports directly to the Village Administrator. Police Officers are charged with enforcing the laws of the State of New Mexico and all the ordinances of the Village of Los Lunas. Jurisdiction of the Police Department is limited to the Village boundaries, except when another department requests assistance, or when enforcing laws on property owned by the Village, but outside its boundaries. The organization of the Police Department will support the effective and efficient accomplishment of Departmental responsibilities and functions.

II. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this order is to describe the organization of the Police Department and to assign responsibilities, functions, and duties.

III. PROCEDURES:

A. Organizational structure:

1. The Chief of Police is responsible for the direction of all activities of the Department. This direction will be accomplished through written and oral orders, policy, directives, guidelines, and guidance as well as by personal leadership.

2. The Department organizational structure includes persons to whom are assigned specific responsibilities which include activities directly related to carrying out or supporting the department's objectives.
3. The Department shall consist of a Police Chief, Deputy Chief, Lieutenants, Sergeants, and as many police officers as determined by the Chief of Police and Village Administrator are required to protect and serve the community.
4. The Chief of Police shall designate a Deputy Chief to act as Police Chief.

B. Chain of Command:

The Police Chief has full control over department activities. In the absence of the Police Chief, the Deputy Chief shall take command and notify the Chief of all decisions that he may make. If the Chief and Deputy Chief are not available, the command officer approved by the Chief shall be in charge, and will be in charge until a ranking officer is available, and shall make any necessary reports to the Chief.

C. Span of control:

For any major event in which all or most of departmental personnel will be on duty, plans for the event will clearly delineate the command and structure and consider span of control.

D. Authority and responsibility:

1. At every level within this Department, personnel must be given the authority to make decisions necessary for the effective execution of their responsibilities.
2. Each departmental employee will be held fully accountable for the use of, or failure to use, delegated authority. Any employee who has any questions concerning his delegated authority should bring such questions to the attention of his supervisor or the Chief of Police for prompt resolution. Legal questions may be referred to the Village or District Attorney.
3. Any gross improper use of authority or failure to accept authority will be reported through command channels as rapidly as possible.

E. Direction, obedience to orders:

The Chief of Police is the Chief Executive of the Department. As such, the Chief of Police under the direction of the Village Administrator has full authority and responsibility for the management, direction and control of the operation and administration of the Department.

F. Grievances

1. Department personnel with complaints against other police personnel except the Chief of Police must present such complaints to the Chief of Police. An officer dissatisfied with the decision of the Chief of Police may appeal to the Village Administrator, appealing the case through the Chief. Department personnel may not directly approach the Village Administrator on any official matter without permission of the Chief of Police.
2. Complaints by department personnel against the Chief of Police must be presented in writing to the Village Administrator. The complainant must simultaneously deliver a copy of the complaint to Human Resources.

G. Dispatchers

Dispatchers are employed by the Valencia County Regional Dispatch Center

IV. ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

The following chart denotes chain of command and intradepartmental relationships.